

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 2660 - HB 2619**

March 6, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Includes juvenile detention facilities and community residential programs as special school districts under the Department of Children's Services. Requires the Commissioner to report to the General Assembly detailing any information deemed essential to rate the effectiveness of the programs. Requires a child 18 years of age or older who is housed in a detention home or center for delinquent children to continue to be provided educational services.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

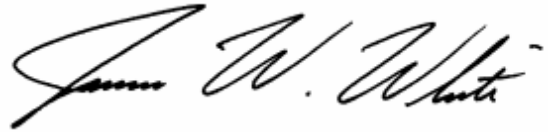
##### **Increase State Expenditures – Net Impact – Exceeds \$10,000,000**

##### Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Children's Services (DCS), the juveniles in the juvenile detention centers and community residential programs are provided school services through the local education system.
- The bill requires DCS to take responsibility for the educational needs of juveniles in these facilities. This will result in a significant increase in expenditures for facilities, books, teachers, supplies, and other needs to establish a special school system.
- The local education systems will incur a reduction in student population from the shift of students in the local school system to the DCS special school system. This will result in a reduction in the BEP funding provided to the local school systems where these children are currently enrolled.
- It is estimated that the increase in expenditures to create the DCS special school system will be greater than the decrease in BEP funding.
- The net impact of this bill is estimated to exceed \$10,000,000.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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